



## Pilgrim's Progress Hebrews 13:1-25

Community Reflection is part three of Vineyard Boise's "Weekly Discipleship Track." Community Reflection is intended to point you towards the unique interaction that happens in the face to face setting of small group life. You've processed the truth on your own in the weekly devotions and have heard the truth presented in Sunday's teaching. Now you have the opportunity to interact with other believers about the implications and applications of that truth. "As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another," says the proverb. That's exactly what takes place in the small group setting. Perspectives are clarified, truths explored, convictions sharpened (or softened, as the case may be), life is built. There are three segments in each Community Reflection: **Prepare**, **Process**, and **Participate**.



### PREPARE

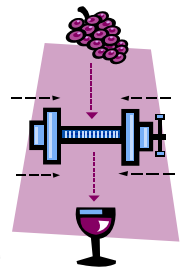
(For leaders/co-leaders & zealous participants prior to group meeting)

1. Work through "This Week's Walk." Do the devotions, noting any key insights you want to share with your group or questions you would like to ask.
2. This being the final section of this study of Hebrews, perhaps the best way to prepare would be to reread all thirteen chapters of Hebrews (in one sitting it will take approximately 45-50 minutes). Watch for the key themes, see what new insights spring up before you, etc. Try doing this in a totally new (to you) translation or paraphrase.

### PROCESS

(For leaders/co-leaders during group meeting )

1. Ask your group how they did with their devotions this past week. What stood out as they worked through them? What questions or issues were raised?
2. Have your group read through **Hebrews 13:1-25**. Ask the group for any immediate impressions or questions that struck them as they read the passage. The group can either "graze" through the entire chapter or you can zero in on one of the following key topics in the chapter (essentially paralleling the different days of the devotions):



### Maturity in relationships Hebrews 13:1-3

- Group discussion starter: In which of these three "relational areas" have you seen the most progress this year:

Loving others in the body of Christ as brothers and sisters  
 Providing hospitality to people outside my "box"  
 Caring for those who are broken and suffering

Weekly Discipleship Track



1. Life reflection – need for change, hunger for God
2. Presentation of truth – teaching and studying
3. Processing the truth – reflection and debrief in community
4. Life change – response to truth, new habits and actions

# Community Reflection

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How have you grown in this area? In which area would you most like to grow?

Related topic: In which of these areas has the group as a whole excelled? In which area would you most like to see the group more engaged? How?

## **Maturity and sexual purity** Hebrews 13:4 (also 12:16-17; 1 Thess 4:1-8)

**Warning:** This one could be a risky course to take and not all groups are ready for a frank discussion of sexual purity. Be sure you are ready as leader before leading the group into it and that such a discussion is on track with the Lord's timing for the group.

- What are the healthy boundaries of sexual purity as spelled out in these passages? What are the reasons and motivations given for observing these boundaries?
- Where are you personally when it comes to sexual purity? What, if any, changes need to be made in this area in your life? How will you pursue these changes? (*Be exceedingly sensitive in pursuing these questions in the group!*)

## **Maturity and Finances** Hebrews 13:5-6 (1 Timothy 6:17-19)

- What does Heb 13:5 say about our priorities when making financial decisions? How is it we can be free of anxiety when it comes to money? What are the greatest challenges you face right now when it comes to your finances? How do these passages speak to those challenges?

## **Maturity in teaching & practice** Hebrews 13:7-17

- What do these verses say about our relationship with our leaders? How would you rate your relationship with your leaders in the church right now? For your part, how can you enrich these relationships?
- What "strange teachings" were a particular temptation for the Hebrews' audience? What essential "plumb line" does this passage give us to use in discerning between "strange teachings" and healthy doctrine today?



## **PARTICIPATE** (As a group during or after your meeting)

Have each member of the group take time to prepare their own "sacrifice of praise" to share with the group. This could be essentially their own personal Psalm (it can be short like Psalm 117 – give them permission, for the group's sake, not to feel any pressure to compose a 176 verse Psalm like Psalm 119!). This would express what they are thankful for right now, what the Lord has done for them in this study of Hebrews, etc. End with a time of worship and praise.